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Maintenance Fee Branch  
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Re: PAYMENT OF DEFICIENCY OF A MAINTENANCE FEE  
United States Patent No.: 7,174,999  
Issued: February 13, 2007  
Application No.: 10/717,752  
Our Ref: 35013/138922

Sir:

The first (3.5 years) Maintenance Fee for the above-identified patent was paid on August 13, 2010 as small entity status. This was an error. The large entity fee should have been paid because the Applicant for the above-identified patent qualifies for **large entity**.

The Director is hereby authorized to charge our **deposit account 20-1495** the following charges or any missing charges involved in changing the status of this patent from small entity to large entity:

- 1) Payment of the deficiency from small entity to large entity \$490;
- 2) To bring the payment up to date \$15.00;
- 3) The late payment surcharge \$130.00.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Please direct any questions to the undersigned attorney.

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